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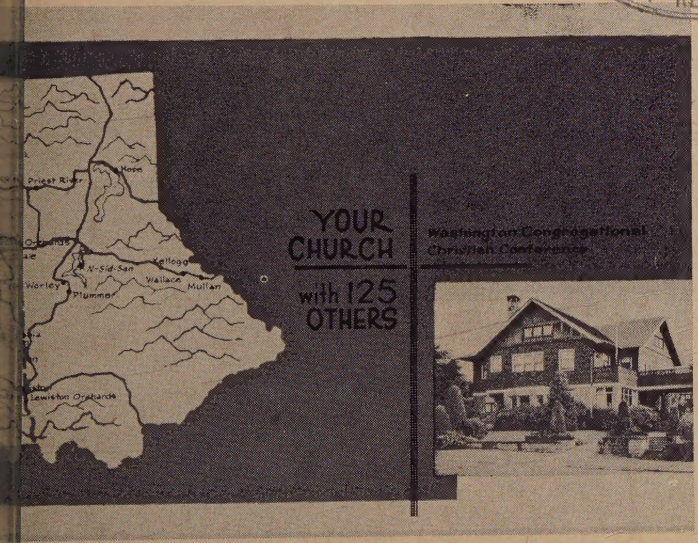

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NEW EVERY MORNING

ARCHIE H. HOOK
Superintendent and Minister

Are you a conformist or an adventurer? Do you try the new or insist on the old? Are you comfortable, settled and content in all your beliefs, or are you willing to delve deep that you may know why you believe as you do? Do you realize that God gives the opportunity to begin each day as if it were opening for the first time—an unknown and unread book. "The gracious deeds of the Lord never cease, his compassion never fails. They are fresh every morning; great is his faithfulness." (Lam. 3:22-23)

A paragraph in the direction of this thinking appeared in one of our current church bulletins: Traditions are wonderful things, but they are made to be improved. The real security of a Christian does not lie in anything he has known so much as in the steady change and constant growth toward the Kingdom of God and towards God.

We know that in the scientific world new things are happening so fast that the lay person is utterly bewildered. The Seattle Times reported recently that a man actually went into a King County Office and asked to file a mineral claim on the moon. He was so sure the moon would be reached in his lifetime that he wanted to be in on the "ground floor." Every day we hear of new discoveries in the field of medicine that ease current ills and look toward relief for diseases now classed as incurable.

Just as surely the love of God is revealed to us anew each day we live. Howard Thurman expresses this discovery of perpetual newness beautifully when he says:

> How wonderful it is to be able to feel things deeply!
> The sheer delight of fresh air when you have been indoors all day;
> The never ending wonder of sunrise and sunset;
> The sound of wind through the trees and the utter wetness of the rain;
> The excitement of finding something that was lost and is found:
> A beautiful word forgotten,
> The reconciliation after estrangement,
> The first step after months of illness.
> How moving is the sheer wonder of being necessary to the life of another:
> The giving of a gentle word when you did not know that such a word was desperately needed;
> The sharing of so little at the crucial point of acute urgency;
> The invasion of the mind and heart with a sense of Presence in which all of one's being suddenly becomes God's dwelling place.

As we begin the year 1958 I pray to God that each of you may sense this newness of God's love and presence every day in all of your experiences—the little things, the big decisions, whatever its hours may bring, may you be conscious that every day is a new beginning.

JANUARY IS CONFERENCE MONTH

January 12 or January 19, whichever date is more convenient for local church, is to be Conference Sunday. Dr. Clement F. Hahn, Chairma the Board of Directors, recently wrote to each minister and each ch recommending some significant and educational emphasis, and sugges various ways of making more vivid the united work of our churches thr the Conference.

A new brochure, illustrated on this cover of Congregational Wa just off the press. It gives a clear, concise picture of some of the m services carried on by the Board of Directors, Committees and Staff m bers. Each family in every church is to have a copy of this brochure, method of distribution to be determined by the local church. If your ch has not ordered a supply of these brochures, please see that an orde sent to the Conference office promptly.

Suggestions for the observance of Conference month include:

1. A sermon, telling of the Christian service and outreach of Conference.
2. A discussion or question and answer period in men's, women's youth groups, and other meetings during the month.
3. Those churches having a representative on the Board of Direc or some Conference Committee, should use such a person or per as leaders in group discussions of the deep concerns of our C ference.
4. Have copies of the brochure distributed at all meetings during month to those who have not previously received one. Encourage use as a conversation piece.
5. See that the Conference and its work has a worthy place on agenda of the Annual Meeting.

Many churches will devise interesting and unique ways of present the Conference and it is hoped that they will share their ideas with oth The whole hearted cooperation in making January a real CONFEREN MONTH will mean much in acquainting our people with the extensive p gram and vital services being rendered.

Archie H. H

namic Christianity at Work

ate First Unit Taking Shape. Worship area on left, Fellowship hall on right, educa- unit to rear.

Some said it couldn't be done—only one new Congregational rch had been built in the Conference in the past 25 years. could we expect our Conference to spark-plug the building n new churches and a Conference Camp in a five year period? r all, our existing churches had their own building programs.

Yet, in the first two years of the five year period, we have new Conference Camp—Pilgrim Firs—in operation. Our first church under the program—Westview in Spokane—is serv- that community. Property is being purchased at Othello and eral Way. A proposed site is being studied in suburban Tacoma.

events of this month

TURN THE PAGE

CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR NEW CONFERENCE CHURCHES UNDERWAY:

Never before in this history of our Conference have so ma new churches — serving new congregations — been under c struction at the same time. Today **four** new churches are mov nearer completion.

In each instance, the dedicated efforts of each of the f congregations has been backed up by the Conference Chu Extension Fund and the National Board of Home Missions.

RICHLAND

On Sunday, November 10, ground-breaking ceremonies were held in Richland at the site of the new Trinity United Protestant Church in Richland. Rev. Louis C. Turner is minister.

Construction of the $45,000 brick veneer and frame building was underway three days later. The Church is expected to be ready for occupancy in April. It is located on McMurray Street a block west of George Washington Way.

Richland Ground Breaking

Delegations were present from the other United Protestant Churches of Richland. Theron Zimmerman, Conference Pastor-at-Large and Paul Sutley, pastor of the First Congregational Church at Pasco and Chairman of the Church Extension Committee, participated.

The Trinity United Protestant Church was started as a Church School in the Chief Joseph Junior High School in February of 1954. John M. Fouts is Chairman of the Church Board and James M. Berkey, is chairman of the Property Commission.

EASTGATE

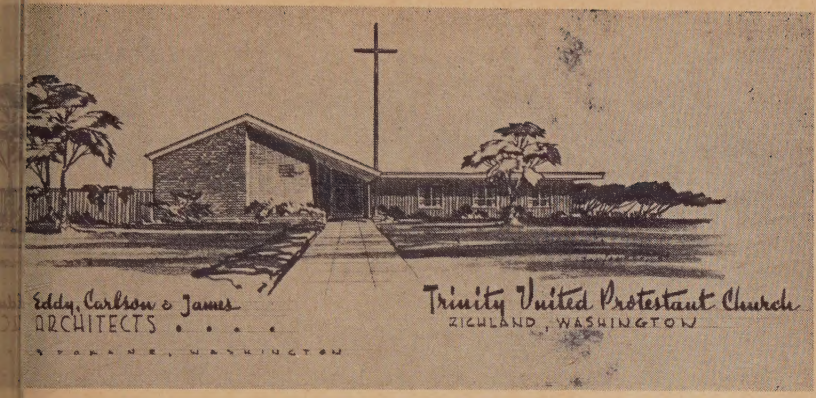
The new Eastgate Congregatio Church, east of Seattle, will be c pleted in early May. Frank Kel is the minister.

Eastgate is one of the fast growing churches in the Conferen When organized, little more t two years ago, the church had adults and 43 children. The pres membership is 213 with a Chu School enrollment of nearly 400.

The first unit of the church v represent a $110,000 investme Under the direction of Volunt Chairman George Rostykus, a gr amount of work is being done members of the church. This cludes painting, tiling and fin work. All of the electrical work being done by a special commit headed by a member, Gil Du B A very detailed inventory of skills of church members was basis for the extensive volunt program.

Chairman of Eastgate's Board Trustees is John St. George. T Trustees serve as the Finance Co mittee for the project. Bill Ove is Chairman of the Architects Co mittee.

Eastgate Volunteers do electric work



Trinity Church, began construction early in November. Architect's sketch above.

MESA

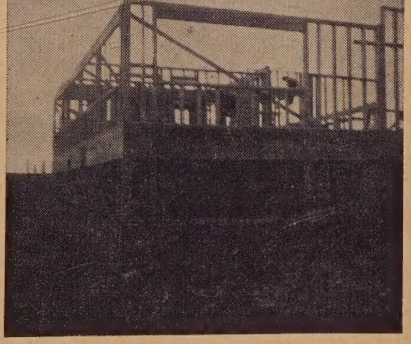
progress report on the Mesa gregational Church has been vided by Theron A. Zimmerman, ference Pastor-at-Large, who is ing both the Mesa and Eltopia rches which have building pro- ms underway. Of Mesa he orts:

The construction is moving for- d well and is now at the stage one can easily visualize the n arrangement. Thus far we e employed only one carpenter two laborers. The work is being e under the supervision of Floyd diver, a member of our Church ding Committee. We will pay rers only until the building is er cover after which we will completely to volunteer labor. eady many hours of volunteer r have gone into the construc- —surveying, digging, carpenter k.

Mr. Lloyd Russell is the untiring rman of our Building Commit- Since the construction is being e without a general contractor work of this committee is ex- ingly important, requiring fre- nt meetings for long hours."

ELTOPIA

The attractive new Eltopia Church, south of the Mesa Church, is enclosed with volunteer labor busily engaged in doing the inside work. Since most of the members are busy farmers in the spring, summer and fall, the winter season is the "time for harvest" of many hours of volunteer work.



Mesa Construction progresses

Through Your Church's Support of the Church Extension Fund YOU have a part in the building of these FOUR new Churches in our Conference.

Introducing . . .

YOUR CONFERENCE STAFF

Many of you need no formal introduction to you Conference staff. It is doubtful, however, if many o our readers ever have seen as many of them as are pi tured here in any one place at any given time. Eve our photographer failed to achieve 100% since ou Pastor at Large was out in the field serving a loc church.

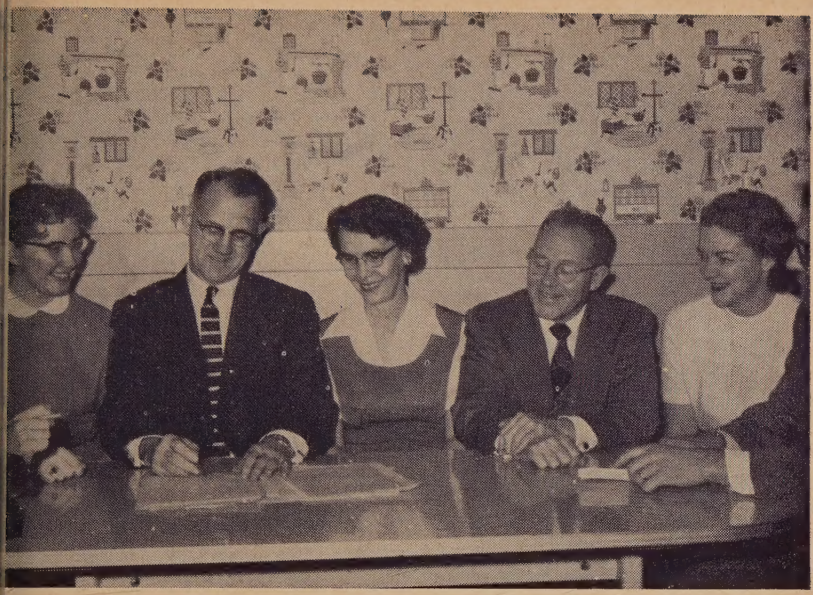
Let me introduce them to you individually.

Dr. Archie H. Hook, Conference Minister and Superintendent came to our Conference in 1946 from Troy, Ohio. As his title implies he is both the Minister and Administrator for the Conference. His responsibilities include working with both ministers and churches in an advisory capacity. Conference committees with whom he works directly include the Board of Directors, Finance, Ministry, Conference Home, Nominating, Council of Churches and Church Extension.

Miss Janice Wulf is the newest staff secretary, coming to the office during the past month.

Mrs. Jane Mills, Stenographe and Bookkeeper, joined the staff 1951. She administers the work the secretarial staff and cares f all Conference financial records a acknowledgments.

Rev. Theron A. Zimmerman wa called to be Pastor-at-Large in Ja uary of 1954. He formerly serve the Olivet Church in Seattle. As hi title implies, Mr. Zimmerman ofte serves as pastor of churches wit out ministers, and gives counsel an advice to our smaller churches. H works directly with the Social Ac tion, Town and Country, Resolution and Memorial Committees.



ference Staff meets for informal weekly planning session in breakfast nook at Con-
nce Headquarters. From left to right: Wanda Llamas, Janice Wulf, Archie Hook,
Savage, Jackson Smith, Jane Mills, John Gibson, (Theron Zimmerman missing when
ure was taken).

r. Jackson E. Smith came as As-
ate Minister and Superintendent
uly of 1955 from The Fellowship
gregational Church in Tulsa,
ahoma. Dr. Smith works with
Christian World Mission,
wardship, Evangelism, Library
Business and Program Commit-
s and the Laymen's Fellowship.
also serves as Executive Secre-
y of the Northwest Regional Con-
ence.

Irs. Wanda Llamas, Receptionist
Secretary since 1955, cares for
telephone calls and requests to
office. One of her major respon-
lities is the transcribing of staff
respondence.

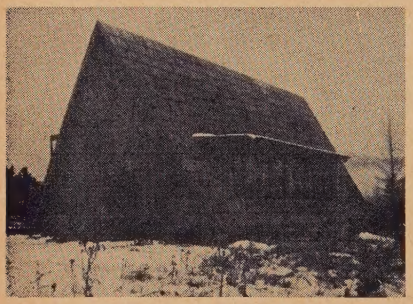
Mrs. Ersa Savage, Secretary and Mimeographer, came to the staff in 1956. She serves as secretary of the Church Extension Department as well as handling most of the mimeographing and addressing of bulk mailings.

Rev. John H. Gibson, Minister of Christian Education, came to the staff in February of 1955 from Plymouth Church in Seattle. His areas of responsibility include work with the Christian Education Committee including Children, Youth, Higher Education and Adult work; Pilgrim Firs and N-Sid-Sen Committees and he is Editor of Congregational Way.

Priest Lake Enters Our Fellowship

By a unanimous vote of the Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho Association the Priest Lake Community Church became a part of our Congregational Christian Fellowship.

The Priest Lake Church was begun as a Church School meeting in the Nordman School in 1951. The District Forest Ranger and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jansson gave important leadership to it from the very beginning.



Priest Lake Church

The church building pictured above is located on a tract of land given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider. The church overlooks Calispell Bay on Priest Lake and from the windows of the church one can see a beautiful view of Priest Lake and the lovely Selkirk Mountains

The Priest Lake area attracts thousands of summer tourists and is one of the vacation spots of the Northwest.

Helping People To Sing Again

That is what you and thousands of others are doing through our Congregational Christian Service Committee as we support the work being done in many lands.

Would you like to see that work and the places where we are helping? Send in to the Conference office for the very new color filmstrip and record "To Sing Again". It is a colorful and interesting account of what our gifts of cash, clothing, foods and other forms of aid are helping people to do in faraway places. The pictures can be used in Church School, in a youth group or in adult meetings. There is no charge for their use.

When Your Annual Meetin Is Over

(with apologies to Kipling in "L'Envoi")

When your Annual Meeting is o
And the last of the dishes are dr
'Ere the memory of business
faded
Or the minutes have been set asi
Do not rest!—though much you m
need it,
But write for an hour or two
So the Conference Office has rec
Of the things your church voted
do!

Among the things you are urg to send in to the Conference Offi "when your Annual Meeting over" are: (1) The goal you a cepted for giving to Our Christi World Mission for 1958 (we hope i the "suggested goal" or more); (Your 1958 (or, better, 1958-60) g for giving to Church Extension; (Fill out the blank forms sent y calling for your new church office chairmen of certain committe etc.; (4) Any other significant a tions your church took or pla made. Thanks a lot!

People To Pray For

Repeatedly missionaries tell us th along with our material support th deeply need and want our prayer How about a New Year's Resol tion to pray regularly for our mi sionaries overseas?

To help us in this aspect of o stewardship our American Boa for Foreign Missions prepares eve year a "Prayer Calendar" listing da by day those who serve on our b half, where they are, the kind work they do, and other helpful an interesting things to know. Why n try using it? — in your women meetings, Pilgrim Fellowships, men groups, family daily devotions, the pulpit on Sundays, or in person daily worship?

The 1958 Calender of Prayer ca be secured for 50c by writing t Mrs. Ruth Starkey, American Boar of Commissioners for Foreign Mis sions, 14 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mas One copy will be sent free to an minister on request. Ask your pas tor to let you look at his copy an then order as many as you or you church can use. Ask him also for th last issue of "Mission Today" whic tells much more about it.

Looks At the COUNCIL of CHURCHES

STEVE C. BRACE

President, Seattle-King County Council of Churches, member, University Congregational Church.

Most Congregationalists don't need to be sold on the Council Churches. A few of my friends, however, are inclined to view activities in the Council as consuming time which might ter be devoted to activities within my church and denomina-n. This is what I tell them:

Just as each local church is strengthened by membership a denomination, so is our denomination strengthened by mem-rship in the Council of Churches—not only our denomination, all of Protestantism. Church members definitely are a minor-y group in the state of Washington, with only 30.5% of our pulation belonging to any church—Protestant, Catholic, or vish. Protestants are the largest of these three groups but uld be almost voiceless if not united in the Council of Churches.

"Going it alone" is just not good strategy.

As Protestants, we need to be pulled together, and the Coun-il of Churches has more "pull" than any organization I know. is we need not only for our own good but for the good of the mmunity and the cause of Christ.

Some of my legal friends at this point would insist upon a l of particulars, specifying the services of the Council of urches which strengthen our denomination and its member urches. Let's look at a few:

1. **Church Planning and Strategy.** Competition is good for our economy and even for our churches, but there are occasions when competition can lead only to chaos—and has. One of the big criticisms of the Protestant church used to be that every denomination insisted upon building a church in every community, sometimes regardless of need. Today, the major denominations, called together by the Council of Churches, study the situation in each community and plan their strategy so that new churches are located most advantageously. Much costly duplication of planning, effort and facilities thus is avoided.

Lake Hills E. and R. Church established b
Council of Churches allocation.

2. **Training for Leadership.** The annual Leadership Training School raising the standard of teaching in our church schools, are the most con spicuous example in this field. Vacation Church School and Audio-Visua institutes are two others, where we group the creative thinking of a denominations. The annual Seabeck interdenominational conference i another which has given new vision to many a minister and layman, as we as to the leaders among our youth. The Leadership Institutes of Unite Church Women are beyond the scope of any single denomination, I am tol

3. **Working for A Better Community.** Did you know that Seattle ha made news all over the country by reversing a years-long trend towar commercialization of Sunday? This was too big a job even for the Counci of Churches alone but it took a major part, together with other churc groups, business and labor, in insisting that Sunday is a day for worshi and rest. In addition, the annual legislative seminars sponsored by ou Council are bringing more Christian thinking into political circles.

4. **Helping the Unfortunate.** The Council of Churches arranges weekly religious services in such places as the city and county jail in Seattle, the King County Farm for Alcoholics and Seattle Goodwill Industries. It also coordinates the collection of clothing for the needy overseas, reducing administrative costs to a minimum. I am proudest, however, of the manner in which the Council of Churches has integrated refugees from East and West into the church life of our community, and also of its work among the migrant workers in our state. No denomination alone could dare to tackle either of these tasks.

Another European family resettled

Easter Sunrise services bring together Christians of all denominations

. **Witnessing to the Community.** Annual Holy Week and Easter Sunrise vices not only afford unique worship opportunities to our united congre- ions but also bear witness of our faith in a risen Lord. Such witness, to ommunity which shies away from denominationalism, can most effec- ely be made by a Council of Churches. In addition, many television and io opportunities not open to denominations are presented to the Council Churches and used to the maximum advantage.

. **Providing Christian Fellowship.** The wider we stretch our Christian owship, the deeper it becomes. This comes easy at the monthly luncheons l special events of the Council, where ministers and laymen of member rches derive inspiration from meeting with kindred spirits in other rches. The program of the Council does not stop here, however, but ends to the men in the Armed Forces, many of whom have found the ncil a ready friend in a strange city.

. **Providing Communication among Churches.** The Council's downtown ce serves as a clearing house on matters relating to church affairs. ny hundreds of phone calls and letters are handled every week.

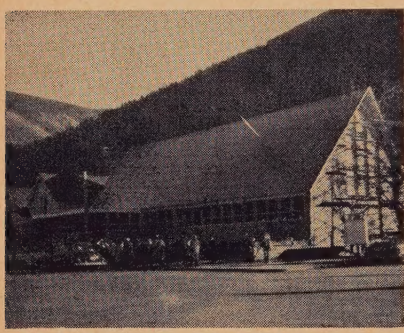
. **Aiding our Ministers.** The Council of Churches comes closer to being a rvice club" for the clergy than any organization I know. That does not an there is less room for laymen, but many ministers count attendance the various meetings of the Council as a virtual "must." A Lenten con- ence for ministers, held in 1957 for the first time, is planned as an an- l event for spiritual refreshment. Another project is to effect a working ationship with Alcoholics Anonymous in order that ministers may more ectively help in the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

f our community did not have a Council of Churches, the need soon uld become evident and we would bend every effort to organize one. rtunately, we have a Council of Churches. It is in the best interest of our omination, to say nothing of the cause of Christ, to support it with con- utions of our time, our talent and our money.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Wallace, Idaho

At a special meeting of the Wallace Congregational Church on Sunday, December 1st, it was voted unanimously that the name of the church shall be, THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL. The action was taken at this time in view of the Uniting Synod Meeting in Cleveland this past summer; and also the fact that the church will be moving into its new church building around the first of the year.



Wallace new church erected on old site

The new building, begun in June will be almost 85% complete for the first scheduled service of worship on Christmas Sunday. The erection of this church is really the story of a church wiping out the past and starting all over again. The old church building, a hotel and residence were all razed and on the site the new building erected. The upper level of the building will have the offices, sanctuary, social hall and church parlor; the daylight lower level will have an excellent Christian Education unit. The daylighted area will all be finished off with volunteer labor.

When the building is completely finished the investment will be in excess of $150,000. The minister, Elmer Nourse, expects the dedication to take place early in the new year.

Lewiston Orchards

The Rev. George Skaret reports that on Sunday, November 3rd we received our annual Christian World Mission offering of almost $1,000. The church has also just finished a complete remodeling of the chur kitchen, and has authorized the b ginning of a new parsonage fund.

Tacoma, Pilgrim

Clarence S. Dunham, Associa Minister of the First Congregation Church in San Francisco came Tacoma December 15th to be t Minister of Pilgrim Church. M Dunham is a graduate of Nebrask University and Boston Universi School of Theology. He serv churches in the Mid-West and Ne England previous to a seven ye pastorate in Hawaii. Mr. and Mr Dunham are living in the new purchased Pilgrim Church parso age.

Seattle, Beacon Hill

The new minister of the Beac Hill Church is Felix H. Zaffiro. H is a graduate of Drew Theologic Seminary and previously has serve Methodist Churches in Pennsylvan and New York. The Zaffiro famil came to the Northwest during th past year. He has had extensive ex perience in mental health educatio and counseling.

FLASH

The Conference Christian Educa tion Executive Committee voted tha the West Side Junior High Confer ences to be held at First Church Tacoma and First Church, Belling ham will be limited to five delegate for each church for the first ten ac tive Junior High PF'ers, and on additional delegate for each addi tional ten. For example, if a grou has 30 active members they will b entitled to seven delegates. Th Committee took this action reluc tantly but the large numbers o Junior Highs (grades 7-8-9) mad it necessary.

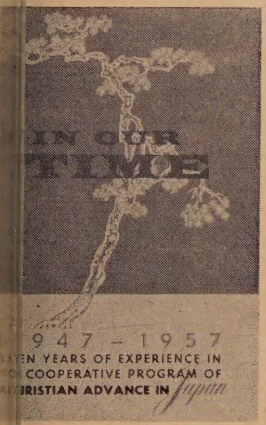
Anne P. Smith, Chairma

Work Day Returns:

Incomplete returns for the Con ference Pilgrim Fellowship Wor Day for Christ total $2,450.76. 50% of all money raised by the Confer ence Pilgrim Fellowship, includin Work Day and pledges goes to Ou Christian World Mission, 25% to ou camps, 3% to UCYM and 22% fo expenses and National Council.

IT WORKS *IF* YOU WORK IT

hat can we have for a program next meeting?" s is the recurrent problem raised at Men's Club, men's Association, P. F. and others.



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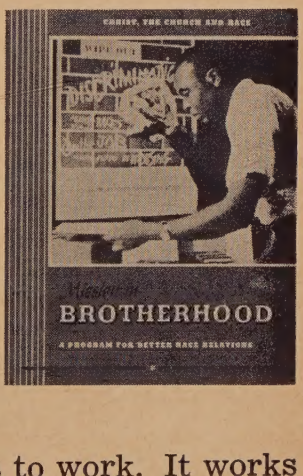

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E WORD OF WARNING!

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*Congregational Way going to all members of these churches

Is your church present? Your church will be listed here next month 20% of the members subscribe for 1958.